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SERGEANT HETU, PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSISTANT TO ADMIRAL STANFIELD TURNER, DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, WAS FIRM: THIS WAS GOING TO BE A BRIEFING FOR SOA MEMBERS AND GUESTS - FIRST SUCH "MEDIA EVENT" ~~IN THE AGENCY'S~~ HISTORY - THIS WAS NOT GOING TO BE A TOUR. HE WAS QUITE RIGHT FOR IN RETROSPECT: CONSIDERING WHAT THE CIA (A.K.A. "THEY") SHOWED THE SOX CAME TO ABOUT 99 PER CENT CLOAK AND 1 PER CENT DAGGER.

WHAT HE HEARD WAS THE MOST ATROCIOUS COLLECTION OF SPY JOKES IN TOWN, AND WHAT THEY SHOWED US WAS ONE JAMES BOND-LIKE IMPLEMENT. IT WAS PAPER THAT DISSOLVED IN WATER AND WAS BOTH CHEWABLE AND DIGESTIBLE.

"THE MOVIES ADD A TOUCH OF REALITY TO OUR WORLD," SAID PAUL M. CHRETIEN, SENIOR CIA BRIEFER. "BUT WOMEN DON'T THROW THEMSELVES AT OUR FEET AS THEY DO WITH JAMES BOND - WE HAVE TO WORK AT IT LIKE ALMOST EVERYBODY ELSE. ALSO, JAMES BOND NEVER SENDS IN REPORTS, AND WHO EVER HEARD OF A SPY AGENCY WITHOUT REPORTS?"

CHRETIEN, SPEAKING RAPIDLY, TOLD US:

- "INTELLIGENCE IS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS; ANYTHING WHICH HAPPENS ABROAD WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE OR AFFECT A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION." RUSSIA IS NUMBER ONE ON THE LIST AS THE UNITED STATES IS ON THE SOVIET LIST FOR INTELLIGENCE.

- "THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CONSISTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY," AND THE WHOLE BUSINESS IS HEADED BY TURNER, WHO FINISHED FIRST IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S CLASS AT THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY.

- "PEARL HARBOR SHOWED THE NEED FOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.... INTELLIGENCE IS THE HANDMAIDEN OF POLICY.... IT IS A PRELUDE TO ACTION.... ALL COVERT PROJECTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT."

- "THERE ARE NO AGENTS IN THE AGENCY." THERE ARE "COLLECTORS" AT THE SCENE; "ANALYSTS" AT HEADQUARTERS; THERE ARE OPERATIONS OFFICERS AND CASE OFFICERS. THE USERS ARE THE PRESIDENT AND THE